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SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT:DISAPPEARANCE IN ARGENTINA OF CHILEAN CITIZENS

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1. SUMMARY: SENIOR CHILEAN RABBI TOLD EMBOFS AUGUST 1 THAT AS OF THREE WEEKS AGO JACOBO STOULMAN NOT ("STUHL-MAN") BORTNIK AND H[illegible] WIFE MATILDA TESSA MOISE WERE BEING HELD BY AN ARGENTINE ARMY UNIT INVESTIGATING THE GRAIVER CASE. HE SAYS THAT THE GOC, INCLUDING PRESIDENT PINOCHET, IS ASSISTING THE FAMILY IN SEEKING THEIR RETURN. THE RABBI URGES ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN TO APPEAL TO ARGENTINA TO RELEASE THEM ON HIS FORTH-COMING VISIT TO B.A. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON REF A IN LIGHT OF REF B EMBOFFS MET WITH RABBI KREIMAN AUGUST 1 AT HIS REQUEST. ACCORDING TO KREIMAN, STOULMAN AND H[illegible]S WIFE ARRIVED AT BUENOS AIRES AIRPORT MAY 29 FOR A THREE DAY VACATION. PASSENGERS SAW THE STOULMANS DETAINED BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY AS THEY DESCENDED FROM THE PLANE AND BEFORE THEY PASSED IMMIGRATION AND
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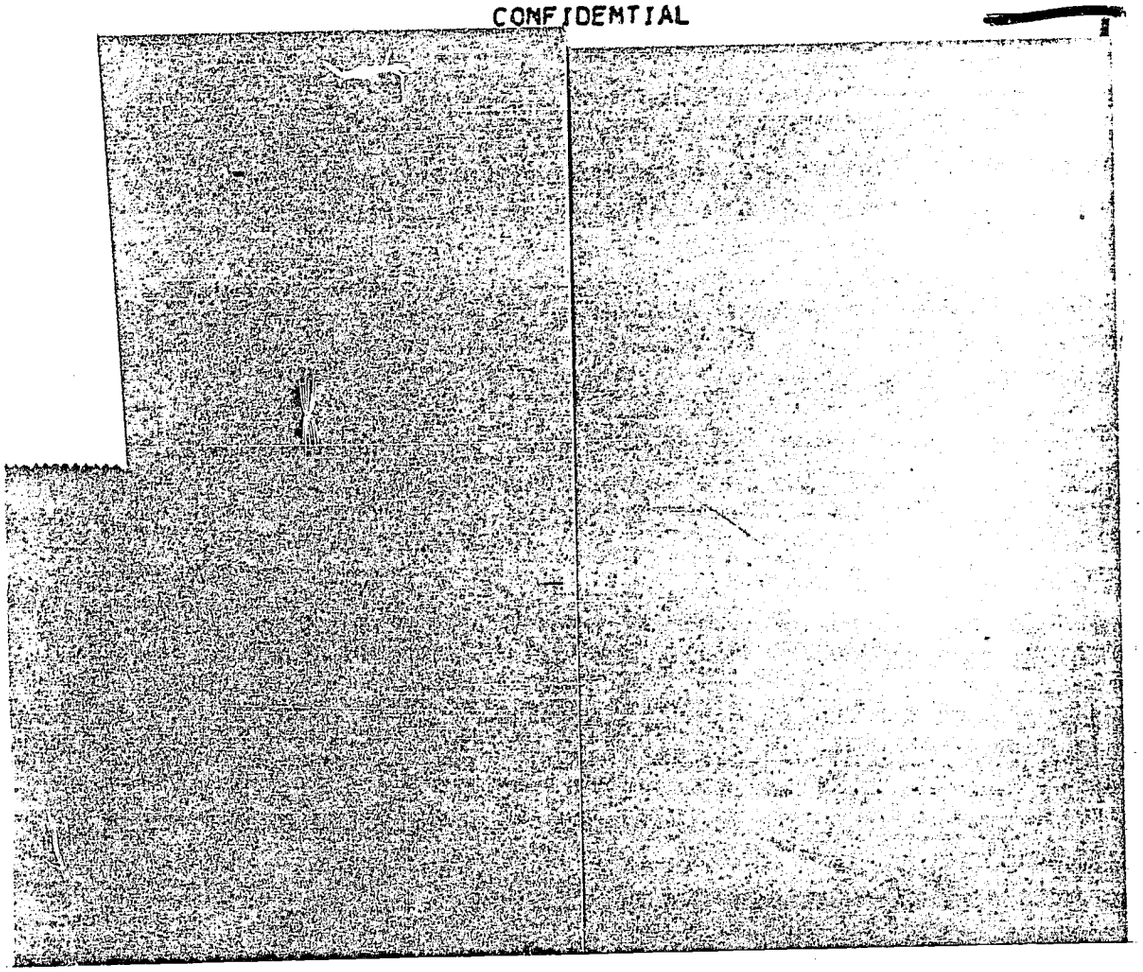

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5. THE STOULMAN FAMILY AND KREIMAN THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SET THEIR PROBLEM BEFORE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN IN HOPES THAT HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH THE ARGENTINES SURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP. KREIMAN SAID THAT THE GOC ENDORSED THE IDEA ("ONLY THE AMERICANS CAN HELP YOU RIGHT NOW") AS DID MR ROSENTHAL OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

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WHEN CONTACTED IN THE US. KREIMAN SAID ROSENTHAL WOULD BE CALLING MR TODMAN'S OFFICE.

6. THE EMBOFFS NOTED THE TOW ASPECTS OF THE SUGGESTIONS: 1) MEETING WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERE AND, 2) RAISING THE SUBJECT WITH THE ARGENTINES. WE POINTED OUT THAT OTHER CHILEANS MIGHT WELL ASK FOR A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THEIR SPECIFIC CASES WITH MR TODMAN, (COMMENT: ONE ALREADY HAS), AND WE DOUBTED, GIVEN HIS BRIEF TIME HERE, THAT FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. BUT THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM RAISING THE MATTER WITH THE ARGENTINES, AND WE SAID WE WOULD BRING THE RABBI'S SUGGESTION TO HIS ATTENTION.

7. COMMENT: THE QUIET WAY IN WHICH THE STOULMAN MATTER IS BEING HANDLED HERE AND THE CAREFUL ATTEMPT TO DISTINGUISH IT FROM ANY POLITICAL TAINT ON THE CHILEAN SIDE WOULD ACCOUNT FOR NEGATIVE RESPONSES FROM ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS (B.A. REFTEL). WE ASSURED KREIMAN THAT THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED WOULD BE CLOSELY HELD WITHIN THE USG. KREIMAN GAVE US RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE COURSE OF SUCCESSFULLY MANAGING THE RELEASE OF TWO GOC-DETAINED CHILEANS LAST YEAR.
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8. EMBASSY B.A.'S COMMENTS WELCOMED.BOYATT

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